



## Clan MacGillivray Society, USA

## 2021 Fall Newsletter

### Clan MacGillivray Society Election of Officers:

#### TIME TO VOTE FOR OFFICERS!!

Members,

In the Special Edition Newsletter sent out in October, members were notified of the 4 year term expiration of the offices of President and Secretary. Nominations for both offices have been open since that time and as of November 20<sup>th</sup> have been closed. All nominations have been seconded. The nominees are current on dues and have accepted their respective nominations.

The nominees for the four year terms (2022-2025) of President and Secretary are as follows:

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT: Rodney McGillivray

OFFICE OF SECRETARY: Pam Adams

As there is only one nominee for each office, I propose that we move to cast a unanimous vote to reelect Rodney McGillivray for the office of President, and elect Pam Adams for the office of Secretary.

To submit your vote, and in the interest of full transparency, please send your email to Joe McGilvra, Janice MacGillivray and, yours truly, Jack MacGillivray at the following email addresses:

[joemcgilvra@yahoo.com](mailto:joemcgilvra@yahoo.com); [clanmacgillusa@gmail.com](mailto:clanmacgillusa@gmail.com); [jmacg@monarchnm.com](mailto:jmacg@monarchnm.com)

At your earliest convenience, but no later than December 15th, please submit your votes. If possible, we prefer that you send your votes in one email to all three of us who will be doing the tabulating. Joe, Janice and I will total the votes cast and submit the count to the Society's officers.

Thank you and I wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas and a new year filled with good health and happiness.

Jack MacGillivray  
Vice President

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## **Clan MacGillivray International Gathering:**

On Saturday, November 28th, 2021 Clan MacGillivray Commander Iain MacGillivray held an international video meeting with leadership representatives of Clan MacGillivray organizations from Australia, Canada, Italy, Netherlands and the United States, as well as the MacGillivray Pipe Band of Thunder Bay, Ontario. The first topic of discussion was the proposed 2022 Clan MacGillivray International Gathering. Iain announced that, unfortunately, an international gathering is not viable for 2022. Several issues factored into this decision, including the cancellation of the 2022 Inverness Highland Games which was slated to be the finale of the gathering. Iain speculated that a gathering may be possible in 2023, and he will begin communicating with the event manager towards that end.

Iain included cautionary statements that the event may have to be pushed out even further, and if it becomes necessary to move the gathering past 2023, a plan to ensure that everyone notified in a timely manner is being put into place.

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### **From Roger Johnston:**

October 11, 2021

To all my MacGillivray friends,

For several years I have been the Secretary for the Clan but it is time for me to give over the reins to someone else. First of all, I want you to know that it has been an honor and a privilege to be allowed to be your secretary. From almost the beginning of the USA branch of the Clan my late wife and I have been involved in its organization and continuation. For that honor, I want to thank all of you for your trust and friendship. I have met many fine people through the years I like to call my friends. Although not a MacGillivray by birth, only by marriage, you have allowed me to become a MacGillivray. For that I am eternally thankful. This is not goodbye, only a respite from the duties of the Secretary's position. I wish whomever is elected to this lofty position great fortune, good health and to remember that it is a position of service, not of grandeur. I will continue to be a member and, when time and energy allow, will continue to attend the functions here and abroad. Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart, to all of you who call themselves a MacGillivray, for allowing me to be amongst you and the honor you have bestowed.

Roger Johnston  
(Soon to be past) Secretary  
Clan MacGillivray Society, USA

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## FAMILY NEWS AND EVENTS:

Janice McGillivray shared the following:



Shirley McGillivray (Janice's Mom) celebrated her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday in September with her children and grandchildren. It was a happy day and it's always a good time when celebrating Mom.

Shirley, a very faithful woman who raised 3 children and enjoys watching her 2 grandchildren grow up. She is always glad to see her 3 grand doggers when they come to visit, and is currently enjoying retirement.

Life is not always an easy path, but knowing Mom is there to steady the course, guiding us back on the straight and narrow, has made it a little bit easier. Thanks Mom, you are the best.



On September 19th the Thomas McGillivray Family held their 69th annual family reunion in Lawrenceville, Ohio. This reunion has been held every year (except 2020 due to COVID) since 1952. Approximately 80 people were in attendance. This extended family descends from Thomas McGillivray (1848-1935) of Jackson, Ohio. Julie McGillivray of Marion, Ohio served as President of the family re-union this year, which means she organized the event and presided over it. Julie and other family leaders keep the promise made in 1952 to our great-great Grandmother Cassie McGillivray (1878-1953) to always keep the spirit of family alive by holding this annual reunion.

-Rodney McGillivray

Dan Hyde celebrated his 68th birthday in September.

And Celena Hyde turned 70 in November.



My husband, Jon Adams, retired from the Parke County Highway Department as of October 5th, 2021. He now has plenty of time to play music. The picture shows his most recent purchase, it isn't good enough to have three drum set's... so now there are four at our house.



Jon and Pam Adams celebrated their 24th wedding anniversary in November.

# Highland Games: Dan Hyde, U.S. Commissioner (Central)

## Southwest Missouri Celtic Festival and Highland Games

Buffalo, Missouri September 11, 2021

Calling of the Clans:





Celena with two dear friends from Clan Anderson and Clan Donald.



Love the little tike playing along with Wayne Adams of Clan Davidson.



## Scotfest

Broken Arrow Event Park, Tulsa, Oklahoma September 17, 18 & 19, 2021

We had a McGilvray visitor AND, signing him up for membership!



Getting set up



Dan and Celena all kitted out and ready for visitors



Some of the display



More of the display



## Herding



## Athletics competition



## Event T-shirts



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# Highland Games: Atlantic Northern Conveners Robert and Margot McGilvrey

## Celtic Classic Highland Games & Festival, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

September 24, 25 and 26, 2021

Banner at the bridge to the Clan tents



Some of the crowd



Mounted Police



A couple of coo's



Pipe band



High School Band



Celtic Cross (permanent)



Margo and Birk McGilvrey  
lined up for the Clan / Tartan Parade



Gilroy visitors



Church



Robert and Birk McGilvrey





## Duncan and Pearl MacGillivray and the Eastern Navaho by Allan MacGillivray III

On Jan. 12, 2015 Myself, sister Janet MacGillivray Mutz, husband David, Jack MacGillivray, Kim Hiser, Wilma May and Pearl Ida MacGillivray and her son Jerry Barlow honored Pearl's father at the legislature by attending the hanging of a picture of the 1913 legislative body of which Duncan was a member representing McKinley county..

### 1913 New Mexico House of Representatives



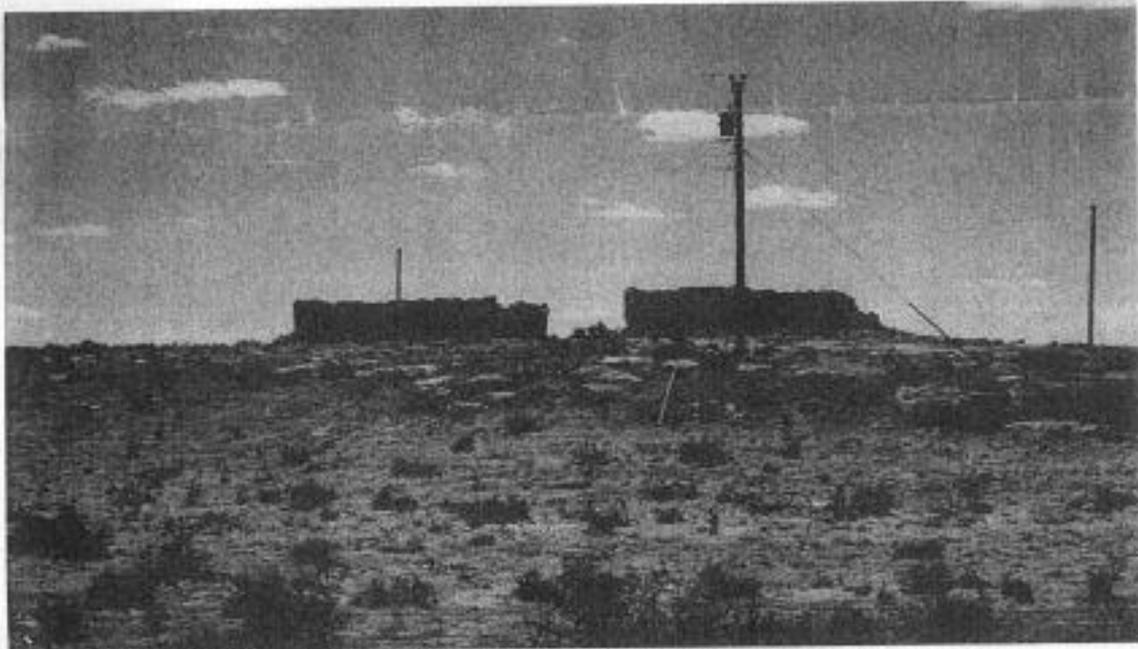
While talking to Pearl I learned of another ranch which was just north of Duncan's Seven Lakes ranch, the name of the ranch was "The Ruby" of which Finlay was the owner and who gave this homestead/ranch to his nephew when he went back to Scotland in 1920.

When traveling to Santa Fe or returning to the ranches, Duncan, Finlay and family would go by the way of Blanco Trading post. The road between Cuba and Crownpoint wasn't improved and was just a wagon trace at that time. Most roads were dirt in New Mexico and in the Eastern Navaho reservation most roads were wagon traces. I lived in Crownpoint for a short period in 1988 and researched the area southwest of Crownpoint which included the Chaco Culture outlier KinYa'a. It wasn't till the meeting with Pearl Ida that I learned that this area was part of the range of the old "Ruby Ranch".

When I worked for the Laboratory of Anthropology I spent a lot of time in the above mentioned areas not knowing that I was connected to the land by my extended family. When living in Chaco

Canyon while doing archeological surveys for The Museum of New Mexico, our crew would usually take the Seven Lakes access road to our Chaco Canyon camp. I wondered about the abandoned rock houses on the SW corner of the Chaco Canyon Road and the Navaho 9 road. Upon mentioning this to my father Allan, he told me that those ruins were those of my great uncle Duncan's home and trading post and that I had relatives in the region that I had never met. He also mentioned that he had once visited

Duncan's widow Pearl when he was a young man. Over the years I would stop here and take pictures wondering about the old oil pump jacks in the yard and a free running spring nearby.



Duncan MacGillivray Ranch Headquarters and Trading Post, Seven Lakes

Pearl Ida is my 102 year old cousin. A daughter of one of the five brothers who immigrated from their original clan in Moy, Invernesshire, Scotland. Pearl Ida's father Duncan was one of the first the brothers to come to New Mexico in 1890 the other brothers included Angus, John, Allan my grandfather and Finlay.

The brothers are a part of New Mexico's sheep ranching history. The MacGillivray brothers along with their partner William Mackintosh started several ranches from 1888 through 1915, that ranged from Estancia, Mckintosh, Chilili, Crownpoint and on to Red Lake on the Arizona border. Duncan was elected legislator of the first New Mexico State legislature representing McKinley county in 1913.

Pastoral sheep farming was traditional in the Scottish highlands and in the Basque country of Spain. The early Spanish settlers introduced both sheep farming and wool weaving techniques learned from the Zapotec weavers in Mexico to the indigenous people in the area now known as the four corners. This is vast beautiful country with huge pastures. The most important aspect in sheep farming at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was to find a homestead that was well watered, had open range and had access to a rail head for shipping product. Since there was virtually no way to make a living at the time in the above areas except for live stock raising, shrewd stock men introduced a feudal economic system called

the "partido system" that lent the "partidario" live stock and commodities needed to survive a "lambing" season at which time the loan would be paid off with lambs, wool, jewelry or textiles. A system of trading posts were established to administer trading activities associated with this financial scheme. Large mercantile houses of the territory such as Browne and Manzanares and Gross Kelly and Company etc. provided financial credit and commodities to the Indian traders and sheep ranchers and in turn the "partidarios" of the day. (Kelly, 1972)



Sheep Pens Seven Lakes Trading Post

One has to realize what the rural ranch living conditions were like during 1910. There was no electricity, no indoor plumbing, no telephone. To get to any town was a whole days drive in their 1909 Diamond "T" truck. If it rained or snowed one could be easily stuck or stranded till the ground either dried out or someone came by. Needless to say the Harvey Hotel at Thoreau sometimes provided a southern respite on such occasions. Most of the Navahos traveled by horse drawn wagons or horseback.

The above experiences was remembered to me by my cousin Pearl who also described the animosity encountered by Anglo traders by the indigenous people. Who not long before, had been rounded up by Kit Carson and marched off at gunpoint and relocated at Ft. Sumner, N.M. In 1864, in an attempt to turn these warlike pastoral people into farmers. This event is known historically as the "Long Walk". The broken hearted Dine were finally allowed to return to their precious homeland in 1866 after the US government realized that the re-education project of the Navaho was a failure.

Empathetically the Scots who came to the four corners 20 years later had relatives that experienced the same thing in their Scottish homeland in the form of the Highland Clearances and relocation of the Highland Clans to other parts of the world, after The Battle Culloden in 1747.

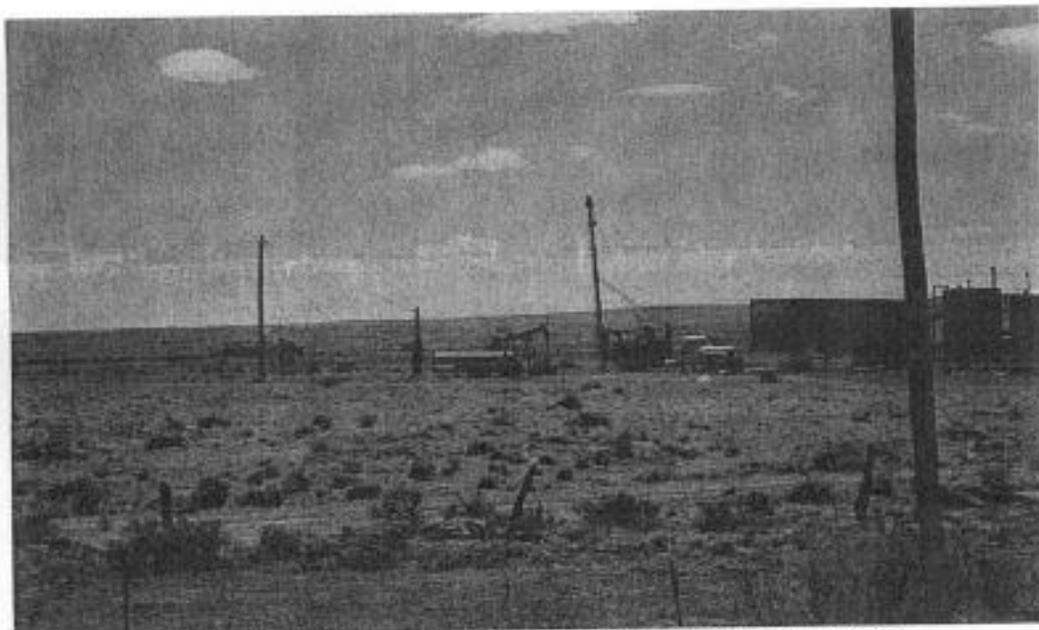
The MacGillivray Clan in particular became expert in working with Indigenous tribes in the Americas 19<sup>th</sup> century. First with the Southeastern tribes, the Creek, Cherokees, Seminoles, Choctaws. Then the fur trade in Canada, where they became partners with the Ojibwa and became administrators

of The Northwest Company (Morrison, 2001). Now in 1900 in the American Southwest, the descendants of John MacGillivray and Jesse MacPhail MacGillivray arrived.

Ida herself as a young girl narrowly escaped capture by a band of Navahos who chased her for miles on horseback, she outran them but "winded" her stout pony who was never the same afterwards and was put out to pasture permanently. Nevertheless, Duncan and the Seven Lakes Ranch had good standing with the native people of the area, as related by MacGillivrays manager Jerry B. Ferris in 1915: "We did not illegally fence our townships as did the larger stockmen, but we left the Indian on the range...We never in any way molested the Indian. In fact the Indians will tell you that we watered hundreds of their sheep and other livestock at our wells during the dry season". (Brugge, 1979)

At the time, the Eastern Navaho reservation was plagued by large sheep owners from the north who would selfishly over run and overgraze these winter grazing lands. Sometimes force was used to removing the trespassing herds. Because of MacGillivrays policy's, he was well regarded by the Dine and the Indian agent of the time Samuel L. Stacher, who recommending him for railroad lease sections through the region. (Brugge, 1979; Kelly 1972)

Pearl Ida also talked of the traders of her day, the Wetherhills of Chaco Canyon, Lorenzo Hubbell of Ganado and Evon Vogt who had worked for Duncan for a short time then later started his own Ranch and helped create and was later first superintendent of El Morro National Monument near Ramah, N.M.. It was interesting listening to Pearl talk about these historic figures, who were all neighbors at the time. It's also interesting to note, when there are thousands of oil wells and controversy over slant drilling and fracking now. That the oil wells at Seven Lakes, two of the first in McKinley county were not economically successful in 1913, belying fears of an oil rush overrunning the range.(Brugge, 1979) Which would 100 years later, have become agent Stachers worst nightmare, as todays oil and extraction units threaten the cultural resources of Chaco Canyon country.



Early Oil Wells and Cable Tool Drilling Rig at Seven Lakes

When doing business in Santa Fe the MacGillivray brothers familys usually stayed at the home built by Angus MacGillivray at 644 Don Gaspar Ave. It was reported by The Santa Fe New Mexican that in

1912 Angus had a bungalow built by August Reingardt at a cost of \$12,000, a 12 room house on Don Gaspar Ave. (The Santa Fe New Mexican Feb, 12, 2012) According to Lucy MacGillivray Dix, granddaughter of Angus. The bungalow had a conservatory on the third floor where Angus's wife Julia, a graduate of Julliard School, would play the grand piano during the salons she hosted in her home.

Sadly, three of the MacGillivray brothers died tragically during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The first to die was Duncan who after recovering from a horse wreck had a massive stroke due to a blood clot. The next death was Angus's who died of injury from a car accident when his Packard touring car rolled, while returning to his ranch in Estancia in 1917. And lastly Allan (my Grandfather) who died in 1922 of hypothermia acquired during a hunting trip when he fell through the ice of a lake while attempting to retrieve geese he had shot near Blue Lakes Colorado. Two of the widows never remarried and raised their children themselves, Allan's widow Della had four children Allan II, William, Finlay and Jean. Angus's widow Julia had three children Jesse, Jean and Angus II. Duncan's widow Pearl Ida remarried Jerry Ferris but kept the MacGillivray name, her children were Marjorie Pearl, Doris Pearl (1910-1918) and Pearl Ida. The above's descendants were to later become community leaders providing a tartan of service in the arts, education and banking, animal husbandry and recreation throughout New Mexico, due to the hard work and diligence of their pioneer mothers who survived and thrived.

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### **Information:**

Below are the deadlines for submissions to be included in the newsletter:

Winter – January 31

Spring – April 30

Summer – July 31

Fall – October 31

An email reminder will be sent approximately 30 days prior to the deadline

## Mark your calendars:

### 2022 Tartan Day Parade

Clan MacGillivray Society US will also be marching in the 2022 Tartan Day Parade in New York City on April 9, 2022. All those interested please contact Ron McGilvray, US Commissioner (East) Clan MacGillivray International by email at [uscomclanmacgillivrayintl@gmail.com](mailto:uscomclanmacgillivrayintl@gmail.com) for more info or go to [info@nyctartanweek.org](mailto:info@nyctartanweek.org) . We are already registered, and the parade is free however should you want to attend any of the pre and post-parade events, tickets are on sale soon.



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Please be sure to notify the Clan MacGillivray Society, USA Secretary of any changes in mailing addresses and email accounts. For anyone wanting to either apply for membership or renew an existing membership, it is now possible to pay dues through PayPal. There can be accessed on the Clan MacGillivray website: <http://www.clanmacgillivray.net> Once you are on the site, click on Contact and there will be a dropdown menu, select Clan MacGillivray USA. The information will appear on the top right corner of the page.

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As always, it is important to know that each of you is a prospective contributor to the newsletter. The newsletter is intended to share information regarding events that are important to you, including, but not limited to:

Weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, births, retirement, travel, reunions and deaths of family members.

We also want to hear if you have been to, participated in, or plan to attend or participate in highland games.

If it's important to you, then it's important to us.

Submissions should be sent to: [macgillivraynews@gmail.com](mailto:macgillivraynews@gmail.com)

Please note this is a fun and friendly publication, nothing of a controversial or contentious nature will be included.

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## **Cultural moment:**

### Dunmaglass



Since Farquhar the Second Chief (about 1550), Dunmaglass served as the ancestral home of the chiefs of Clan MacGillivray.

In the 1860s Chief Neil John, while living in Canada had the Dunmaglass Lodge and a farmhouse built. He and his family left Canada in 1880 and took up residence in Dunmaglass. Before that, previous chiefs lived in a farmhouse on the estate. The Lodge has been altered many times, and is now privately owned as a country hotel and function venue.

*Image: Dunmaglass c1850; watercolour by Peter MacGillivray, grandson of Andrew, the last of his name to reside on the estate.*

*Source: Robert McGillivray 2004, "The Clan MacGillivray", Self Published, Edinburgh.*